

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 6 have been amended, and claims 9-13 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments. For instance, support for the amendment of claims 1 and 6 appears e.g. at page 9 of the application.

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 over US 20020161074. As the rejection is understood, US 20020161074 is cited for addition of CuPc powder to a polymer solution. Thus, the following is stated at page 3 of the Office Action:

Note that the reference discloses, in what is referred to as the casting method, that the polyvinylidene fluoride-trifluoroethylene or P(VDF-TrFE) copolymer is first dissolved in a solvent, e.g. dimethyl formamide (DMF), and then a proper amount of CuPc powder (or precipitant) is added into the solution.

The rejection is traversed.

Claims 1 and 6 (the only pending independent claim) calls for "adding a solvent precipitant".

The cited document does not disclose use of a solvent precipitant. Rather, US 20020161074 is cited for addition of CuPc powder. CuPc powder is not recognized as a solvent.

Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn. See *In re Marshall*, 198 USPQ 344, 346 (CCPA 1978) ("[r]ejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 are proper only when the claimed subject matter is identically disclosed or described in the prior art.").

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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